

nothing short of a production revolution and yet Americans have become so accustomed to the stability of our food supply—itself a testament to the quality of our agriculture—that scarcely anyone notices the triumphs managed on their behalf.

Today, the Kern County Farm Bureau serves 1,400 farmers, large and small, educating and inspiring the community, closely monitoring the agricultural legislation and regulation proliferating from Sacramento and Washington, and effectively advocating on behalf of its members across all levels of government. Kern County farms run the gamut, from the very small to the very large, and Kern County Farm Bureau works with all of them to educate policymakers on agricultural practices and traditions, and, most importantly, make Kern agriculture's voice heard.

Challenges and opportunities for Kern County agriculture still lay ahead. We cannot ask the sky for rain or the winter not to frost, but we can choose the friends we depend upon when crisis comes. The Kern County Farm Bureau has been a friend and a partner in our community over the past 100 years, and on behalf of our communities and neighbors, I congratulate the Farm Bureau's century of richness and relationships, and wish them another 100 years of success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TOLEDO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEING NAMED "CHAMBER OF THE YEAR" BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce on being named the Chamber of the Year for 2014 by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Chamber of the Year is the most distinguished award that a Chamber of Commerce can receive, and this award recognizes the organization's strength and impact on key community priorities, including education, transportation, business development and quality of life.

I applaud the Toledo Regional Chamber on receiving this award and thank them for the important work they do to support the businesses and communities in our area.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE SOUNDERS FOOTBALL CLUB

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Seattle Sounders Football

Club (FC) on the 40th anniversary of its founding. Since its formation in 1974 as a member of the North American Soccer League (NASL), the Sounders have consistently brought world-class soccer to our region.

After decades of play in other leagues, Sounders FC was added as a Major League Soccer (MLS) expansion team in 2007. As a nod to the team's history, the notoriously loyal Sounders fans voted to keep the traditional team name alive even after changing leagues.

Since joining the league, the Sounders and their fans have set MLS records year in and year out. In every season of their tenure in the MLS the Sounders have led the league in both average attendance and number of season tickets sold. This loud and passionate fan base at every game has spurred the Sounders on to stellar play, and they have reached the playoffs in each of their four seasons as a result.

The soccer pitch is not the only place that members of Sounders FC have achieved excellence. Many members of the organization have undertaken efforts to better the community they call home. Through partnerships with organizations focused on youth and sports, and through a 2013 trip by team members to Tanzania with the Washington Global Health Alliance, the Seattle Sounders have done much more than just play outstanding soccer—they have made a difference in our region and across the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the Seattle Sounders Football Club on forty years of excellence, both on and off the soccer pitch.